PCB ban proposed

Sweden's national environmental protection board has proposed a ban on import, manufacture, and sale of polychlorobiphenyl compounds (PCB). Sweden claims PCB is persistent and toxic, particularly to aquatic life in the Baltic Sea where there's been a buildup. The proposed ban excludes use of PCB in sealed electrical apparatus, such as transformers. The Swedish government was last week considering the restriction, which could become effective by Jan. 1, 1972. The main problem with PCB arises from its use in such products as paints and sealants. ■

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